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The Honorable Tom Coburn, M.D., Chairman
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,
Attention: Anna Shopen
United States Senate
439 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Coburn:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 2006 requesting information about the federal funding at Wheeling Jesuit University. Let me begin by saying that we are anxious to be of assistance to you and will try to provide information concerning appropriations received by Wheeling Jesuit University.

As you are aware, the request was received by our institution on July 27th and a response was requested by September 1, 2006. As with other colleges and universities, during the period of receipt through September 1st, we are not at full strength and are as well preparing for the new academic year. Therefore, we will not be able to provide a comprehensive response by September 1st, but will endeavor to provide an initial response and then provide supplemental materials. We appreciate your indulgence in granting us an extension in time to develop a reply.

In addition, much of the information you have requested has been provided to the various federal agencies as part of our reporting requirements. Further, we would request a discussion concerning the length of time covered by the request. The full six year period set out in your letter would entail costly expenditures by University both in personnel time and expenses we would be happy to work with you to see whether a more focused period would provide the same level of response.

Also, with regard to the request to list "all appropriations" we have concerns as to what precise information is being requested. We will be contacting your office in the near future to explore ways to improve our understanding of your request.

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With regard to your question regarding our objectives or goals and achievements for the federally sponsored programs, there are a variety of hoped for outcomes. I will provide, under separate cover, a selection of materials which we have produced that answers these questions, and as further materials are identified, we will supplement this answer. We are also assembling published papers which relate to our effort and will also forward them on under separate cover.

With regard to the measure for standards to achieve quality and outcome for entities programs, projects or which receive federal assistance though earmarks and/or appropriations, we have a number of standards by which we attempt to judge the outcome.

Because of the diversity of projects we have, typically we develop measures which are appropriate for the individual project. Certainly, foremost is a concern that the monies are accounted for in a fiscally responsible and appropriate method. We are proud that our accounting for funds, whether governmental or private have been considered first quality by both the agencies we work with and by reviewing auditors.

Secondly, we hope to achieve the objectives which the project proposes to address, whether that is technology transfer, or improvements in mine related safety, to cite two examples. I will enclose reports which address these efforts on an annual basis for a number of our programs; we are endeavoring to provide such reports for each of these programs where available and accessible.


Regarding Wheeling Jesuit University policies which relate to federal funding, over time our institution has adopted policies which relate to both federal and private funds. Those policies are set out in a range of documents, some of which will be included with the additional materials and as we continue our review and find further materials, we will make them available.

Wheeling Jesuit University has not, to my knowledge, considered hiring a lobbyist for any reason.

We are pleased to say that funding to the institution, including "earmarked" funding has contributed to our institutions development in many ways, including student internships, faculty and student research and facility and student publications to name but a few.

Thank you for your interest and as mentioned, I will contact your office shortly to help develop an effective response.

Sincerely,



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Vice President, Sponsored Programs

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